National Eligibility Test of UGC

606. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose, objective and periodicity of National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC and the number of subjects included in the test;

(b) whether it is a fact that subjects like Food Technology and Dairy Technology are not included in the NET, though a subject closely related to these, i.e. Home Science, is included in the NET;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is proposed to include Food Technology and Dairy Technology in the NET?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission conducts National Eligibility Test (NET) to determine eligibility for lecturership and for award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for Indian nationals in order to ensure minimum standards for the entrants in the teaching profession and research. The test is conducted in Humanities (including languages), Social Sciences, Forensic Science, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science and Applications and Electronic Science. Tests are conducted twice in a year generally in the months of June and December. There are 77 subjects included in the Test conducted by UGC. At present those with an M. Phil qualification can teach under graduate classes without qualifying the NET; similarly, those with Ph.D. qualification are not required to qualify in the NET for teaching in universities.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), the subject Food Technology and Dairy Technology are not included in the NET. Home Science syllabus is based on the main area of studies taught in the subject in Indian universities, i.e. Food Science, Nutrition Science, Clothing, Textiles, Resource Management, Child and Human Development, Non-Formal Education and Extension Education, Development and Educational Communication, Methods of Resources, Institutional Management and Dietectics, Home and Community Resource Management.

(d) As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there is no proposal to include Food Technology and Dairy Technology in the NET.

Marks concession to SCs and STs in KV and NV recruitment

607. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are not allowing 5 per cent concession in marks to SC/ST candidates in minimum eligibility criteria for recruitment of teachers in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present position in this regard in other organisations;

(d) whether it will amount to violation of Government instructions/ constitutional provisions for SCs/STs in Government jobs including educational institutional; and

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take to rectify this position for welfare of SC/ST people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing policy of the Government of India on Reservations and Concessions to SCs and STs, where an educational qualification has been prescribed in the Recruitment Rules, SC and ST candidates should satisfy the said qualification. Similarly, when a minimum number of marks or a minimum grade is also prescribed as part of the educational qualification, the minimum marks/grade so prescribed shall also uniformly apply to all candidates including SC and ST candidates.

(c) Other organisations follow the provisions of reservation policy of the Government of India.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.